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ECONOMIC Biggar, inc information on Arthur BEN NATHAN

REFERENCES: PARIS 1529, 9 May 56, para 1;
OFPA 21271, 13 June 56.

Ben Nathan, Asher aka

1. [] happened to overhear some of his social contacts mention the name of Mr. BEN NATHAN as the arms purchasing agent for the Israeli Government and questioned them about him. [] contacts had met BEN NATHAN in the house of [] and described him as around 50 years old, very lively and attractive, and fluent in every European language. BEN NATHAN and his wife, who also speaks many languages, were born in Central Europe, although the exact places are not known. It appears that his full name is ARTHUR BEN NATHAN.

2. During BEN NATHAN's frequent visits to Paris he often sees former Prime Minister BOURGEOIS LAUWENGI and [] was BEN NATHAN who arranged BOURGEOIS LAUWENGI's present trip to Israel and he is reported to have been instrumental in the shipment of French planes with pilots to Israel before the attack on Egypt.

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